Go Milton Go! Burn Baby Burn!

THE ARGUMENT for Terrance Lindall's JOHN MILTON IN OUTER SPACE

An excursion into the dialectic

Conformity backed by coercion is how tribes, nations and cultures are formed. Meanwhile, revolutionaries in those groups envision a better way. Milton's Satan is the archetypal revolutionary. However, Milton's Satan was not searching for a "better way" for those he led, rather he was debased, blinded by jealously and ambition, monumentally tragic, yet courageous nonetheless.If action is also a form of speech, then Satan's rebellion against God Himself was the ultimate in free speech. Today, the left-wing Antifa on campus justify their use of physical violence against conservatives rather than verbosity because "Fascism is not to be debated. It is to be smashed." Of course the right could say "Progressive Stalinist Mind Washing Liberalism is not to be debated. It is to be smashed." The use of force as argument is called an ad bachulum fallacy in logic…resort to the stick when words will not convince. Where then is force justified? Is war inevitable, ultimately leading to justice?"Milton in Outer Space" envisions Milton being brought back to our time to assess precepts of free speech and the justice of violence in a multicultural, multiracial milieu. Milton must assess future food shortages risking starvation for billions, the replacement of humans by robots in the work force, the cynical manipulation of the population by left wing race baiting and the subsequent blame of White Christians for inequities in society so the Left can get votes from minorities, soon to be the majority, etc. Would Milton advocate free speech to win over humanity to create a system of freedom justice and equality? Would he back a firebrand like Cromwell to bring about a just social order? Would he opt for the dictatorship of a philosopher king (possibly a supercomputer to indifferently mete out justice)? Would Milton abandon the current human condition as entirely untenable and beyond saving and go in search of a New Paradise? What would that New Paradise be like? Milton for moderns!!!

Light and mind are manifestations of the burning universe. Everything is on fire. Our bodies are ovens in which oxygen combines with sugars to produce heat and energy. The luminescence that allows us to see the world un-blinded and the luminescence of our thought is a product of that fire. The dialectic is a reflection of God's separating the light from the dark. In the beginning was The Word. God said "LET THERE

BE LIGHT!” Thus He divided the light from the dark. Opposites were actualized and the possibility of infinite divisions made manifest. This is the Beginning, the "big bang" of the great dialectic of creation and destruction through The Word. Just as the binary language of a computer can create informational worlds (meaning) within the universe of the hard drive, so God through the binary, the duality, the Dialectic of Light and Dark (Being & Nothingness), made possible all things, and through the fulminations of “possibility and actuality actualized” as in Aristotle’s Metaphysics (created) all things…as ideas or aspects of the MIND of God. So in fact, in God’s WORD we see that speech and action are the same. The WORD takes the form of action separating light and dark and creating the world. Action is a form of speech…THE WORD! The dialectic of argument, in philosophy and logic pits one idea against the other and THE ILLUMINATION OF THE FIRES OF THE DILALECTIC burns away the dross to reveal the GOLD!! It separates the light (the good) from the dark (the bad, evil or the deformed)…like GOD!

THE WORD IS ACTION AND THE WORD IS VIOLENCE! Today in our American conversation about college campuses, free speech, and political correctness is that certain forms of speech cause psychological harm to students that administrators have an obligation to eradicate them as with speeches by Charles Murray and Milo Yiannopoulos. The ones opposed to speeches by these men used violence to stop them on the predication that their speeches were also a form of violence (violent ACTION).

In an article in New York Magazine Jesse Singal writes

“Such claims of harm — often summed up as “speech is violence” — aren’t typically invoked in response to actual Nazis, or anything like that. Rather, they are used to argue against allowing speakers like Murray and Yiannopoulos — who, for better or worse, do fit in the conservative mainstream — or even significantly more moderate ones like Emily Yoffe, who has expressed skepticism about certain claims pertaining to the prevalence of sexual assault on campus. In one instance students successfully canceled a showing of American Sniper by arguing the film’s ostensible Islamophobia would make “students feel unsafe and unwelcome” — though the screening was later uncanceled.”

Today throughout the world we see a massive dynamic of social conflict. In America it is currently much about race and justice. Most people just want to live in peace, have a place to live and enough food

in order to enjoy life and perhaps raise a family. People may notice that their neighbors have more, perhaps less. This may lead to envy or jealousy but generally does not lead to conflict as long as there is enough to go around…unless there is concerted and persistent propaganda by intellectuals and elected officials and other leaders to foment jealousies for their own purposes. Revolutions generally occur when a population lacks food or resources as in the French Revolution when there also existed a wealthy class who did not suffer the travails of the poor. Today in America there is enough food and shelter, but remarkably, in spite of government's, especially Progressive Democrats, stated claims of wishing to help the underprivileged, the disenfranchised and the poorest among us, nothing changes, and, in fact, things are becoming worse. Rich get richer and poor get poor whether under elected Democrats or Republicans. And people live in tent cities because the shelters provided for the homeless by the government are dangerous, housing criminals and drug addicts as well as ordinary persons. Americans could have made a capitalistic society where everyone had a job and lived with a modicum of satisfaction. But men who place power and wealth above all, including Progressive Liberals and Conservative Republicans etc. have created a divided society pitting poor against the rich and middle class, Black against White against Brown to get votes. Divide and conquer…and confuse and suppress! Distract from the real evil of the power brokers.

Great idealist writers and thinkers down through history have written about utopias and dystopias. Cromwell and Milton both envisioned a utopia. Milton was influenced by Sir Philip *Sidney's* prose pastoral epic, *Arcadia*. Jefferson and the founding fathers envisioned a utopia also, based upon a homogeneous population of White Christians sharing common values NOT A DIVERSE SOCIETY as Progressives promulgate today. Adolf Hitler was an idealist as was Mao. They envisioned a perfect world and meant to implement their vision and impose it on the rest of humanity. The rest of humanity found their ideals grisly. More relevant to our times, the great writers and thinkers Aldus Huxley, George Orwell and H.G. Wells lived when the industrial and scientific revolutions of the 19th and 20th centuries gave to their imaginations the possibilities of both a heaven and hell of an immediate future for mankind. The dystopian 1984 and Animal Farm of George Orwell are meant to satirize the Soviet Socialist Marxist Republic. "All animals are equal, but some are more equal than others." Rather sounds like Progressive Liberals. The Progressive Liberals seem to be a consortium of victims…Blacks,

Gays, Jews, Muslims, Lesbians, cripples, drug addicts, hopeless criminals who want a second chance, poor, disenfranchised etc..how convenient that they all vote! And the Progressives are serving up the White Christian as fodder, as “the victimizer” against whom the Progressives will defend their consortium. The Soviets also called themselves “Progressive.” Same people!

What about secular communism and capitalism as options for a truly humanist society?

Communists; through “human investigation” and experience have examined the human condition and found that they can achieve the closest thing to paradise on earth by following the principle that “from each man according to his abilities, and to each man according to his needs.” However, they also understand that leadership is required. Some have decided that the “abilities” that they wish to donate for the general good falls to "leadership" of the rest. As leaders, they must represent their flock with dignity. As such they must entertain with the best victuals, ride in fine limousines and fly in private jets. They must also maintain order. No unqualified upstart potential leaders like Ghandi or Christ or the Dalai Lama should usurp their own powers. Those who presume to be taller than the rest must be extirpated from the body social – they rock the boat and make others feel inferior. That is humanism in its ultimate form, for the good of all, not the one.

But sheep are for sheering. All men are equal, but in that flock most are for sheering by those who are more equal than the rest. Same with capitalism and democracy, we are a flock under the careful watch of our virtuous leaders who talk about their concern for the people. We the flock are sheep and sheep are for sheering! Look at the bailout of the banks in 2008-9…who got sheered? Who did the sheering? Instead of creating jobs programs when unemployment reached 9 % so that people could pay their mortgages to and spend money to sustain a weak economy, the politicians who receive huge contributions from Wall Street gave vast sums of money to Goldman Sachs who was “too big to fail.” Now in 2011the brokers at Goldman Sachs, who actually caused the economic crash by creating instrument they knew would explode, are receiving record bonuses!

SEEKING Humanistic SOLUTIONS TO THE COMING CRISIS IN AMERICA IN THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS:

The economic meltdown in 2008 was the first wave of a series of crises that will affect America, especially America's cities in the coming two decades. Unemployment was hovering around 9% officially and was actually much higher. Members of America's once thriving middle class, unemployed and unable to pay their bills, were forced from their homes and not be able to afford rent. Tent cities sprang up all over the United States.

In order to keep social order, government and media will downplay the crisis.

The rise of temperatures worldwide is now creating severe droughts and extreme weather is affecting crops and livestock. The now periodic droughts and famine in Africa are creating an exodus of its population to the safe haven of Europe, which will not be a safe haven for long. All this while the world's 7 billion population continues to expand devouring diminishing non-renewable resources, especially oil that had in fact created the agricultural revolution that was able to feed the world up until now. Steve Jones, head of the biology department at University College London, has said, "Humans are 10,000 times more common than we should be, according to the rules of the animal kingdom, and we have (oil based) agriculture to thank for that." The looming scarcity of food means that food will be supplied to the highest bidder. Hunger and even starvation in America will become commonplace, and government will be able to do little about it. Government will make sure that the working class; the military, the police and property owners will not go hungry, as resources are husbanded. As unemployment and hunger increase, these men will resort to criminal activities. People do what they must to survive.

What can be done to protect the residents and decent citizens in this and other cities in the United States? Not much!

THE GOVERNMENT MUST STEP IN

We have been tossed from the garden of peace and plenty, so, to keep order, the humanist government must step in before matters escalate into warfare between these violent criminals and the resident working populace and they will definitely step in to protect the rich men who are tending this flock. The useful working class, soon to be replaced by robots, is multitudinous and some are expendable as buffers between the starving and the rich. The rich and politically powerful know that they must be protected at all cost (the ostensible practice of humanism)! Possibly labor camps will be devised where these wretched men can be watched, fed and provided with work that will be of benefit to society. But that they can provide useful work is doubtful in lieu of robots.

CONSEQUENCES IF THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT STEP IN

Already the police are called frequently to settle conflicts between the right and the left, both sides self-righteous. These conflicts will grow as hunger and need and hopelessness drive them. In the near future the government, already strapped for resources, will not even be able to accommodate these people in prisons after they commit crimes of desperation. It will be a waste of food and resources that are better given to useful citizens. What will the humanist government do then with the approval of the “decent” citizens? Let them starve or euthanasia?

There is no longer any doubt: We are entering a mass extinction that threatens humanity's existence. That is the bad news at the center of a new study by a group of scientists including Paul Ehrlich, the Bing Professor of Population Studies in biology and a senior fellow at the Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment. Ehrlich and his co-authors call for fast action to conserve threatened species, populations and habitat, but warn that the window of opportunity is rapidly closing.

"[The study] shows without any significant doubt that we are now entering the sixth great mass extinction event," Ehrlich said.

"For the first time in human history, food production will be limited on a global scale by the availability of land, water and energy," Davies said in a statement from Texas A&M University's AgriLife division, where he is a professor of horticultural science.

"Food issues could become as politically destabilizing by 2050 as energy issues are today," he said.

To meet food demand as the world's population rises to 9 billion by the middle of this century, Davies said there would need to be a 70 percent increase in food production.

"But resource limitations will constrain global food systems," Davies said. "The increases currently projected for crop production from biotechnology, genetics, agronomics and horticulture will not be sufficient to meet food demand."

Davies said in the US, agricultural productivity has averaged less than 1.2 percent per year between 1990 and 2007.

What can Milton do for humanity? Is there hope? Find out by reading:

MILTON IN OUTER SPACE...Boldly going where no poet has gone before!